

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 697

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Carolyn Lassiter on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Lassiter is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as an educator and administrator for thirty-nine years with Sumner County Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lassiter, who has rendered sterling service as the principal of Jack Anderson Elementary School for the past six years, will be taking a much deserved retirement at the end of the 2007-2008 academic year; and

WHEREAS, prior to her illustrious tenure at Jackson Elementary School, Mrs. Lassiter served with acumen and alacrity as an assistant principal at Gallatin High School, where she also taught vocational English, computer lab, and speech; in addition, she taught speech and theater at Haywood High School, and taught at various elementary schools from 1971 to 1975, while also lending her talents as an interim principal; and

WHEREAS, during her thirty-nine years in education, Carolyn Lassiter, an extremely talented and compassionate educator, has worked assiduously to motivate her students and her peers to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, widely revered among her peers, Carolyn Lassiter served as the Tennessee Special Needs President from 1993 until 1996, was a member of the Tennessee Vocational Advisory Board from 1993 until 1997, and was honored as the 1995 Tennessee Teacher of the Year in Special Needs; and

WHEREAS, a native of Franklin, Kentucky, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech, theater, and sociology from Western Kentucky University, where she stood as an enthusiastic and energetic member of the university's cheerleading squad; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Lassiter earned a Master of Arts degree in administration and supervision at the University of Memphis and completed forty-five graduate hours in administration and supervision at Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, her professional achievements aside, she is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband, Rufus Lassiter, who is also retiring this year from his post as the principal of Gallatin High School; together they are the proud parents of Lance, Lawren, and Lyle; and grandparents to five grandchildren anxiously awaiting the births of two more; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Lassiter exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career she has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and students alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Carolyn Lassiter our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, thank her for her meritorious service as an educator and administrator with Sumner County schools, and wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.